

Preliminary Amendment — Amendments to the Claims

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of modifying perception of body weight, comprising the step of:
administering to a person for inhalation an effective amount of a composition comprising a hedonically positive mixture of a floral odorant and a spice odorant in effective amounts such that ~~wherein~~ the person perceives the body weight to be about 5-10% less than actual body weight.
2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a suprathreshold but non-irritant concentration of the odorants.
3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of administering comprises dispensing the composition from a dispensing device.
4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of administering comprises applying the composition onto the person.
5. (currently amended) A method of modifying perception of body weight of a person, comprising the step of:
administering to the person for inhalation an effective amount of a composition comprising a suprathreshold but non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive mixture of a floral odorant and a spice odorant in effective amounts such that ~~wherein~~ the person perceives the body weight to be about 5-10% less than actual body weight.
6. (currently amended) A method of altering a person's perception of their body weight, comprising the step of:
administering a composition comprising a suprathreshold but non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive mixture of an effective amount of a floral odorant and a spice odorant

to ~~a~~the person for inhalation such that the person perceives ~~the~~ their body weight to be less than ~~the~~ their actual body weight.

7. (currently amended) A method of altering perception of body weight, comprising the step of:

administering to a person for inhalation an effective amount of a composition comprising a suprathreshold but non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive odorant mixture consisting essentially of effective amounts of a floral odorant and a spice odorant such that the person perceives the body weight to be less than the actual body weight.

8. (currently amended) A method of altering perception of body weight, comprising the step of:

administering a composition comprising a suprathreshold but non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive mixture of effective amounts of a floral odorant and a spice odorant to a first person for inhalation such that the first person perceives the body weight of a second person to be less than the actual body weight of the second person.

9. (original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the step of administering comprises applying an effective amount of the mixture of odorants onto the second person for inhalation by the first person.

10. (original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the step of administering comprises dispensing the mixture of odorants from a dispensing device to the first person for inhalation.

11. (currently amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein the body mass index of the second person is about 25 or greater.

12. (currently amended) An article of manufacture, comprising a container of a composition consisting essentially of a suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration of a mixture of a floral odorant and a spice odorant in amounts effective such that a person inhaling the composition

perceives their body weight or another person's body weight to be less than the actual body weight.

13. (currently amended) An article of manufacture, comprising: packaged together, a first container of a first composition consisting essentially of a suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration of a floral odorant, and a second container of a second composition consisting essentially of a suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration of a spice odorant such that, when the first and second compositions are mixed together and inhaled by an individual, the individual perceives their body weight or another person's body weight to be less than the actual body weight.

14. (currently amended) An article of manufacture, comprising: packaging material and, contained within the packaging material, a suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive composition consisting essentially of a floral odorant and spice odorant, wherein the packaging material comprises a label that indicates that the composition can be used ~~for altering perception of~~ inhaled by an individual to cause the individual's perception of their body weight or another individual's body weight to be altered such that the body weight is perceived to be less than the actual body weight.

15. (currently amended) An article of manufacture, comprising: packaging material and, contained within the packaging material, a suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive composition consisting essentially of effective amounts of a floral odorant and spice odorant such that, when inhaled by an individual, the individual perceives their body weight or another person's body weight to be less than the actual body weight, wherein the packaging material comprises a label that indicates that the composition can be used for altering perception of body weight, treating a food disorder in a patient, treating a psychological disorder in a patient, alleviating stress in a person, or a combination thereof.

16. (original) The article of Claim 15, wherein the psychological disorder is selected from the group consisting of body dysmorphic disorder, social phobia, and pathological shyness.

17. (original) The article of Claim 15, wherein the food disorder is selected from the group consisting of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder.

18. (currently amended) An article of manufacture, comprising, packaged together:

a container of a composition ~~comprising~~ consists essentially of a hedonically positive mixture of a floral odorant and a spice odorant in a ~~and~~ suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration ~~of one or more odorants~~ and effective amounts such when the composition is inhaled by an individual, the individual's perception of their body weight or another individual's body weight is caused to be altered such that the body weight is perceived to be less than the actual body weight; and

instructions for use of the composition for altering perception of body weight in a method comprising administering an effective amount of the composition to a person for inhaling.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A composition consisting essentially of a suprathreshold and non-irritant concentration of effective amounts of a floral odorant and a spice odorant, the composition being hedonically positive and effective to alter a person's perception of body weight upon inhalation whereby the body weight is perceived as being less than the actual body weight.

21. (currently amended) The composition of Claim 20, wherein the floral odorant has the odorant characteristics of a mixed floral odorant ~~IFF # 31854-11~~, and the spice odorant has the odorant characteristics of an oriental spicy odorant ~~IFF# 91171~~ or a floral semi-oriental spicy musk odorant ~~IFF # 91164~~.

22-25. (canceled)

26. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein the floral odorant is a mixture of floral odorants and the spice odorant is a mixture of spice odorants.

27. (new) A method of altering perception of body weight, comprising the step of:

administering a composition comprising a suprathreshold but non-irritant concentration of a hedonically positive mixture of effective amounts of a floral odorant and a spice odorant to a first person for inhalation such that the first person perceives the body weight of a second person to be less than the actual body weight of the second person, wherein the floral odorant is selected from the group consisting of jasmine, lilac, lily of the valley, magnolia, rose, lavender, geranium, hyacinth, orange blossom, apple blossom, carnation, and mixtures thereof, and the spice odorant is selected from the group consisting of cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg, oriental spice, and mixtures thereof.

28. (new) The article of Claim 12, wherein the floral odorant is a mixture of floral odorants and the spice odorant is a mixture of spice odorants.

29. (new) The article of Claim 12, further comprising at least one of (a) and (b) as separately packaged elements in combination with the container of the composition:

(a) a device for administering a plurality of odorants for testing olfactory ability of the person; and

(b) a device for administering a series of odorants for testing olfactory threshold of the person.

30. (new) The composition of Claim 20, wherein the floral odorant is selected from the group consisting of jasmine, lilac, lily of the valley, magnolia, rose, lavender, geranium, hyacinth, orange blossom, apple blossom, carnation, and mixtures thereof, and the spice odorant is selected from the group consisting of cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg, oriental spice, and mixtures thereof.

Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicant submits the information listed on the enclosed Form 1449/PTO for consideration in the above-identified application. No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102/103.

No fee is due for consideration of these items because these statements have been submitted prior to the issuance of an Office Action on-the-merits. Consideration of the listed references is requested, and return of the enclosed Forms 1449/PTO is requested showing the items as being initialed and considered.

The Form 1449/PTO and copies of the listed references are attached hereto at the **APPENDIX.**